Kuteer Jyoti Yojana in Chandigarh

4033. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kuteer Jyoti Yojana has been started for the poors in Chandigarh Union Territory; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of families covered thereunder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Under the Kutir Jyoti Programme, which was launched in 1988-89 as a centrally financed scheme, the task of identifying the beneficiaries was left to the concerned State authorities/Union Territories. The Chandigarh Administration had informed that there were no eligible households in the Union Territory to be covered by the Scheme. The Kutir Jyoti Yojana was, therefore, not implemented in Chandigarh.

New Energy Policy

4034. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to announce a new energy policy shortly;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether efforts to reduce the country's dependence on imported petroleum products and to explore the alternative energy resources, have been made; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Alternative sources of energy are being used in the country to meet the fuel requirements, to some extent, for household, agriculture, industry etc. These sources have replaced the imported petroleum products and its derivatives to some extent.

Proposal to Import Newsprint From Soviet Union

4035. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to import newsprint from the Soviet Union on barter basis;

(b) if so, the quantum of newsprint to be imported and the cost thereof;

(c) whether the import of newsprint would ease shortage of newsprint for newspaper industry;

(d) if so, to what extent and at what price the same is proposed to be given to the newspaper industry; and

(e) the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 40,000 Mts; the price is yet to be negotiated.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). Import of 40,000 MTs of newsprint is in order to bridge the supply - demand gap. The sale price would be fixed by the Newsprint Price Fixation Advisory Committee after the purchase is finalised.

Short Supply of Power by SEBs/DVC

4036. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to short supply of power by SEBs/DVC, the export efforts of engineering industries in the country have been affected;

(b) whether the Government propose to introduce drastic changes in the power distribution policy to boost export of engineering goods; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Industrial production/performance of industries depends upon various factors such as availability of raw material, demand for the product, industrial relations, management efficiency etc. and power shortage is only one of the contributing factors. Power Supply to various categories of consumers falls under the distribution system of the State and is the prerogative of State Govt./SEB. However, various measures being taken to improve the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existent power stations, reduction of T&D losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

Security of Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium

4037. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the security arrangements at the Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium during the one day international match between South Africa and India was not adequate; and

(b) if, so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to provide adequate security arrangements in such events in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The Police had deployed 18 companies, including women police, during the one-day International Match between South Africa and India on 14th November, 1991, at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium. To prevent bursting of crackers and throwing of fruit skins from the upper stands to the seating area down below, additional force has been decided to be deployed in future.